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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI.

The statement of the condition of the treasury issued on the 16th showed: Available cash balance, \$285,304.834; gold reserve, \$255,650,132.

The prince and princess of Wales have each subscribed £200 (\$1,000) to the Mansion House fund for the relief of South African refugees.

The German consul general at Cape Town has issued a proclamation of neutrality, commanding all Germans to hold aloof from hostilities.

The Protestant Episcopal congress at St. Paul, Minn., held its closing session on the 13th. The general topic was: "The Prayer Book in the Life of the People."

Emperor William has issued a decree directing that all regimental commanders shall strongly revive the cabinet order of six years ago forbidding gambling in the army.

More than 3,100 immigrants passed through the large office at New York on the 12th. Of these 940 arrived on the Oceanic, 850 on the Ems, 320 on the Trave and 230 on the Alsatia.

An unconfirmed rumor prevailed in London, on the 11th, that Conyngham Green, the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, had been assassinated. The report, however, was discredited at the colonial office.

Prof. Edward Orton, first president of the Ohio State university and since professor of geology, died suddenly at his home in Columbus, O., while sitting in his chair, at 3:45 p. m. on the 16th. He was 70 years of age.

The ocean cable companies announce that messages exchanged with South Africa are subject to censorship at Aden, and that Natal's communication with the Orange Free State and the Transvaal is suspended.

The National Bank of Mexico, which has a capital and surplus of some \$20,000,000, is about to build a magnificent office in the City of Mexico, probably adopting the plan now becoming popular, of steel frame structure with stone facing.

Emperor William, it is authoritative announced, will not visit England this year. He had made Queen Victoria a conditional promise to do so, but the altered political complexion has compelled him to abandon his intention.

Count Hohenau, commander of the German guards du corps, will go to Spain on November 2, to present to King Alfonso the decoration of the order of the Black Eagle, which has been conferred upon him by the German emperor.

Wm. Wallace Thayer, formerly governor and chief justice of Oregon, died at his home near Portland, on the 16th, of cerebral congestion, aged 72 years. He was born in Livingston county, New York, and went to Oregon in 1862.

Emperor William has sent a long telegram of sympathy to Mrs. J. Bruce Ismay, at Liverpool, on her husband's illness, expressing the hope that Mr. Ismay will recover, "as he is one of the most prominent figures in the shipping world."

The yachts Columbia and Shamrock succeeded in getting a race, on the 16th, after many trials, the course being 30 miles, the first half against the wind and the remainder with the wind, which blew 12 miles an hour. The Columbia finished nearly one and a half miles ahead of the Shamrock.

The press of Berlin point out that at the recent reception to Gen. Benjamin Harrison, he was especially honored by Emperor William, his majesty even disregarding the rules of court etiquette by seating Gen. Harrison at the table of honor reserved for members of the royal families.

The British punitive expedition against the Fula tribes on the Leenu river, who had stopped the river traffic and murdered a number of boatmen, has returned to Lagos, West Africa, having destroyed eight towns after prolonged fighting. The natives lost heavily, and the British had eight men wounded.

At Ponce, Porto Rico, on the 13th, the United States provisional court, and a jury of prominent natives, convicted Isio Diaz, editor of El Combate (formerly La Bomba), which Gen. Guy Henry suppressed, of sending obscene matter through the mails. Diaz was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, with a fine of \$500.

At the session of the 13th of the Socialists congress, at Hanover, Herr Bebel's resolution, declaring that the party should remain what it is, namely, a class party, of which the historical aim is to acquire political supremacy, and declaring that there is no reason why it should alter its programme, tactics or name, was adopted by a vote of 218 to 22.

Henry Herbert Asquith, former British home secretary, speaking at Newburgh, on the 12th, on the Transvaal situation, and referring to the attitude abroad, said: "The Americans have not forgotten, and I believe they will not forget the attitude which this country, almost alone among the nations, assumed towards them recently when they were enduring times of crisis and emergency similar to those which seem now before us."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Windsor hotel at Hudson, N. Y., was destroyed by fire early on the morning of the 15th, and Wallace C. Hall, a drummer for a Philadelphia publishing house, was suffocated. All the other guests escaped in their night clothes, losing their baggage. The porter of the hotel, alone, saved the lives of ten women. There were many very narrow escapes. The property loss exceeds \$50,000.

The British ship St. Enoch, from Panama, for San Francisco, was quoted, on the 13th, as overdue, 15 per cent. insurance being offered on the risk.

The Forty-eighth United States infantry (colored), mobilizing at Fort Thomas, Ky., was filled to its maximum on the 13th.

The authorities were informed, on the 14th, from reliable sources that an outbreak in the poorer districts of Manila had been carefully planned for daylight of the 15th. It failed to occur, probably on account of the vigorous measures enforced by the authorities, who had been fully advised of the attempted uprising.

The latest news from the conflict in South Africa, to the 15th, shows Kimberley invested, Mafeking completely isolated, railways cut and stations seized and fortified by the Boers. It was believed that prevailing rain and snow storms would rob the Boers of anticipated early successes.

Chauncey M. Depew was asked, on the 15th, when the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt was likely to be probated, and he replied that the matter had not been decided by those directly interested, and that no conference had been held regarding the matter lately.

Conyngham Greene, from Pretoria, and Consul Evans from Johannesburg, have arrived at Cape Town. Mr. Greene was accorded a magnificent reception. A crowd of 3,000 persons, who had gathered, sang "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the Queen."

The Lutheran seminary at Hamline, Minn., midway between Minneapolis and St. Paul, was dedicated, on the 15th, in the presence of an audience of 4,000 persons.

News comes from Apia that the natives have proclaimed Tamasese as king, despite the recent agreement of the United States, Germany and Great Britain to abolish the office.

Reports to the Springfield (Ill.) State Journal from 50 correspondents, representing a dozen counties of central Illinois, indicate that the corn crop of the great corn belt of the state for 1899, will not be more than 80 per cent. of an average crop. Immense damage was done to the late corn by the frost of September 28.

The South Carolina congressional delegation is in receipt of a lengthy letter signed by every cotton spinner in the state in which the representatives are strongly urged to work for a thorough application of the "open door" policy in the east. The letter recites that one-third of the raw product of the state is now consumed by the domestic mills, and that with the completion of the mills now contemplated within three years, the state will withdraw from the market as a cotton exporter, and consume its entire output at home.

Sixty-eight thousand dollars was raised in New York, on the 15th, for the heathen. Women tore off their jewels, and men their coats and vests, throwing them to the collectors, and shouting: "Glory to God!" and "Hallelujah!" as they contributed.

Carl Brown, who led Coxey's army to Washington, and who arrived in Wichita, Kas., from Denver, on his second march, on the 14th, declared the march off, and notified his men that he would go no further.

The soldiers and crew of the armored train captured by the Boers were taken prisoners, only one man, the engine driver, escaping.

The union miners at Pana, Ill., celebrated the return of peace with a parade and speech-making. The merchants and people of Pana and vicinity are also jubilant.

Huge works of masonry, sand and rock, on which long-range guns will be mounted, will be erected at San Francisco.

A prairie fire raged over a territory many miles in extent in the Dauphin district, northwest Manitoba, destroying houses, grain and farm property. The loss is heavy.

Robert D. Schultz, the millionaire soap manufacturer, died at Zanesville, O., of neuralgia of the heart.

A big stir has been made in the police force of Berlin, the charge being made that there is too much old fogeyism and favoritism.

The United States consul at Pretoria will care for British interest during the South African war, just as England looked after the safety of Americans in Spain during the Spanish-American war.

An intimate friend of the Vanderbilt family, who knows in a general way the provisions of Mr. Vanderbilt's will, says that the bulk of the \$100,000,000 left by Cornelius Vanderbilt will be confided to a trust for the equal benefit of all the children until the youngest, Gladys, nine years old, is of age.

The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf announced, on the 16th, that, effective October 20, it will cut the rate of packing house products to Galveston, Beaumont and Houston, Tex., 13 cents per hundred pounds. The old rate was 55 cents, and the Pittsburg & Gulf will make it 42 cents.

Twenty-five carloads of mules for the Transvaal, purchased in the Kansas City (Mo.) market by the English government within the previous ten days, were started for New Orleans on the 16th. Another train load will follow for the same point within a few days.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed, on the 16th, by Alfred R. Sax, a New York city salesman, with liabilities of \$847,510, on notes made jointly by the petitioner with Max and Julius Sax and Adolph Blatz, in Nashville, Tenn., in 1891. No assets.

Ottmar Mergenthaler, the inventor of the linotype machine, is seriously ill at his home in Baltimore, Md. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on May 10, 1854.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed in New York, on the 16th, by Ida I. and May E. Jenkins. Liabilities, \$312,759; no assets.

In official circles in Cape Town the opinion prevails that Kimberley and Mafeking, attacked by the Boers, are safe.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Through an accident to the Shamrock, shortly after starting in the race for the 15th, by which she was rendered totally helpless, the Columbia, which sailed over the course and finished within the time limit, won the second of the series of races for the America's cup. The accident was regretted by all, but by none more than the Columbia's people, their vessel being well ahead when the catastrophe occurred.

Maj. Frank Kidder Upham, treasurer, acting quartermaster and commissary of the Soldiers' home at Santa Monica, Cal., accidentally killed himself on the 17th. He was about to take a revolver from his desk, preparatory to taking charge of a large sum of money at the railroad depot, when in some manner the weapon was discharged, the bullet passing through his brain.

At the Presidio in San Francisco, on the 17th, Col. Wholly of the First Washington volunteer regiment was presented with a magnificent sword by the men of his regiment, who adopted this means of showing the esteem in which they hold their colonel. Col. Wholly, who was deeply moved, expressed his appreciation of the gift in a few appropriate words.

Dr. Charles Tanner, nationalist member of parliament for the middle division of Cork, was abusing the queen and the British soldiers, whereupon one of the royal engineers knocked him down, promising to repeat the operation if Dr. Tanner would rise.

The Union Pacific Railway Co., filed amended articles of incorporation with the secretary of state of Nebraska, on the 17th, increasing the capital stock \$32,718,000, bringing the total up to \$196,178,700. The fee paid the state was \$2,277.

The Boers seized the telephone at Modder river, on the 16th, and attempted to speak with Kimberley, hoping to learn the disposition of the British forces there. The maneuver was, however, discovered and frustrated.

The Berlin Neuste Nachrichten declares that the colonial council has adopted a resolution declaring it incompatible with German colonial interests to abandon Samoa, in return for sufficient indemnification.

The First Montana volunteer regiment was mustered out at San Francisco, on the 17th, amid great enthusiasm.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Geo. B. Gullickson and C. A. Ahlstrom and two negroes were killed by the explosion of a threshing machine boiler near Britton, S. D.

Mrs. Bruce Crowell, wife of a prominent farmer of Vernon county, Mo., was thrown from a buggy and killed. Frank Tolliver, a negro railway fireman, saved a deaf man's life near Pine Bluff, Ark.

The rumor continues that A. E. Stillwell will resume control of the Potomac route.

Emperor William will not visit his grandmother, Victoria, this year.

Bradstreet's review says "trade is widespread."

In Chicago the rumor that the Pullman Palace Car Co. had secured control of the Wagoner Palace Car Co. gave place to the rumor that the Wagoner company will take over the Pullman company.

The treasury has received a number of applications for the anticipated interest on the bonds promised in the circular recently issued by Assistant Secretary Vanderbilt.

There is agitation in Mexico in favor of importing Chinese and East Indian coolies for plantation work, owing to the scarcity of domestic labor.

At Mountain Grove, Mo., Henry Holt was shot and killed by Dave Branson. Holt had stabbed Branson's crippled brother.

Two youthful tramps cut Mrs. J. Morrison's throat, near Knoxville, Tenn., then criminally assaulted her. The Niedringhaus Bros., of St. Louis, have sold 250,000 acres of timber and mineral land in Tennessee.

Mrs. Bettie Melvaine, daughter of the jailer, prevented a jail delivery at Maysville, Ky. The prisoners badly cut her arms and hands.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly trade review says "industrial condition could hardly be better."

The demand for Missouri apples for export to Europe is greater than the supply.

Ozona, the principal town in Crockett county, Tex., was visited by a bad fire, which destroyed most of the business center.

Irry Inzer has begun suit for divorce at Pine Bluff, Ark., against W. J. Inzer, after a month of wedded life. The fortieth anniversary of Bishop Whipple's consecration as bishop of Minnesota was celebrated at St. Paul.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Sam Smith, well known in Callaway county.

James Chilton, one of Pike county's oldest and best-known citizens.

Mrs. Catherine Werremeyer, wife of Wm. Werremeyer, at St. Charles.

Maurice O'Connell, aged 100, the oldest citizen of Pettis county.

J. W. Gordon, a wealthy stock dealer of Jefferson City.

Henry Flynn, aged 70, a class leader in the M. E. church, at Sedalia.

Mrs. Margaret Perry, wife of John Perry, an old and well-known resident of St. Charles.

Robert Lee Roberts, near Sturgeon, after a two weeks' illness of typhoid fever. He was 34.

John C. Gaugh, a resident of St. Charles county for many years, aged 70.

Missouri Lead and Zinc.

The following comparative statement by counties, prepared by State Mine Inspector Quinly, will show the difference in money value of lead and zinc ores for the years ending June 30, 1899, and June 30, 1898, for the state:

County.	1899.	1898.
Berry	1,900	1,854
Christian	2,7	3,45
Cole	3,620	3,7
Franklin	7,619	7,619
Howell	3,720	3,720
Jasper	5,567,12	5,086,790
Jefferson	25,24	26,274
Lawrence	509,52	502,815
Madison	196,25	122,945
Morgan	6,115	6,115
Newton	400,625	224,580
Pettis	12,990	10,279
St. Francois	2,641,000	2,062,192
Taney	80	80
Washington	60,661	60,661
White	1,296	1,296
Greene	36,659	36,659

Total value of lead and zinc \$9,009,353 \$5,938,373

The above shows an increase in money value for these ores for 1899 over 1898 of \$3,071,572, of which Jasper county is credited with \$2,441,617, and the remaining counties with \$629,957.

The following table will show the increase or decrease in the ore product of the four great producing counties of the state for the present and last fiscal years:

County.	1899.	1898.	1899.	1898.
Jasper	18,510	108,161	14,168	15,917
Lawrence	22,558	19,172	209	655
Newton	14,201	11,358	1,781	982
St. Francois	49,057	51,011	1,561	1,561
Total	104,226	139,512	49,278	33,015

Lead decreased 779 tons.

Good Judge of Human Nature.

Mrs. Cornelia Street, who had been expected to play the part of star witness in the trial of Alexander Jester, the octogenarian charged with the murder of Gilbert Yates, son of the Chicago millionaire, did not take the stand in the preliminary trial at Paris. Ex-Gov. Johnson argued with the remaining counsel for the state that a woman who would betray a brother, would not give unprejudiced testimony, and that Mrs. Street's testimony would prove detrimental, and it was decided to follow his advice. It was Mrs. Street who caused the arrest of her brother in Oklahoma, 27 years after he escaped from Missouri. She says that Jester squandered her money and threatened to kill her.

More Mules for South Africa.

Twenty-five carloads of mules for the Transvaal, purchased in the Kansas City market by the English government, were started for New Orleans the other day. Another train load will follow for the same point within a few days. An estimate on 500 tons of hay for use in the South African campaign was also made.

The Y. M. C. A.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Missouri will be held at Springfield, November 9 to 12. Each local association in the state is entitled to unlimited representation, and entertainment will be provided for all who attend.

Strong in Missouri.

In Missouri the Knights of Pythias have a strength approximating 21,000. The order was introduced in the state by Robert Roth of Pennsylvania, 29 years ago, at Kansas City.

More Zinc Property Sold.

The famous T. N. Perry mining lease in the east part of Joplin has been sold by Hugh McIndoe and W. A. Hacker to a New York syndicate for \$100,000.

Bankers to Meet at Shelby.

The Missouri Bankers' association, Group No. 1, which comprises the ten counties of the First congressional district, will meet at Shelby, October 26.

Wealthy Farmer and Stock Raiser.

William H. Yowell, a wealthy farmer and stock raiser, and prominent in secret societies, died, a few days ago, at Licking, Texas county.

Found Dead in Bed.

Patrick Stead, formerly sheriff of St. Louis, was found dead in bed. He was 52, and came from Ireland, where he was a school-teacher.

Found Indian Skeletons.

Workmen unearthed an old Indian cemetery on King hill, St. Joseph, and brought forth many skeletons. One measured seven feet.

From a Blow.

Arthur Boyd, a prosperous young farmer of St. Genevieve county, died from the effects of a blow received in a fight at a dance.

Outfitted All Corners.

Ferd. Taylor and Arthur Terry outfitted all corners at the old settlers' reunion at Huntsville, and were winners of the contest.

Was Shot Through the Heart.

Robert Hays, a young man of Tinney Grove, Ray county, resented arrest, and was shot through the heart by an officer.

A HOT CHASE AFTER ROBBERS.

Three Poses in Pursuit—One Robber Killed and One Wounded—Had Murdered an American.

Nogales, Ariz., Oct. 18.—Word was received Monday at the sheriff's office from Harshaw, this county, that a party of bandits camped in the Patagonia mountains had for some days been robbing and plundering farms and ranches in the vicinity. A traveler who had been apprehended by the robbers also came into town and reported having seen 50 gallons of contraband mescal in the mountains near the camp of the bandits.

A report was also received that an American had been shot by the robbers.

The sheriff organized a posse and left Monday night, calculating to arrive at Harshaw about daylight.

Yesterday forenoon a telegram from Flewelling, brought the news of a fight between the posse and the bandits at daylight yesterday morning.

One of the bandits was killed and another wounded. None of the posse was injured. The robbers took flight toward the international boundary line.

In response to a telegram another posse was organized, and left at noon yesterday with the hope of intercepting the robbers. The horses of the Flewelling posse gave out, and the men, consequently, were unable to follow the trail. A posse also will come out from Nogales, Sonora, to take the trail of the robbers should they succeed in escaping across the line.

THE SAMOAN ISLANDS.

The Question Will Be Settled by Dividing Them Between Germany, England and United States.

New York, Oct. 18.—A Washington special to the Herald says: Negotiations have been commenced between the three powers signatory to the British treaty (England, Germany and the United States), contemplating a permanent settlement of the Samoan question by partitioning the islands.

The Story From Berlin.

New York, Oct. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says: The Schlesische Zeitung announces that a new proposal has been put forward regarding the Samoan question. England has offered Germany compensation if she will renounce Upolu. The agrarian organ adds that it is not impossible that Germany will accept the proposal, provided that a very high indemnity is paid. The foreign office intimates the report in the Schlesische Zeitung is an indiscretion, and is not quite exact. It is true that England made the proposal in question, but it was declined. As a consequence the North German Gazette declares that Germany's position on the Samoan question remains unchanged. In regard to the question of compensation to individuals, both Germany and England have agreed to appeal to arbitration, if they fail to come to an agreement otherwise. The consent of the United States to this course has not arrived, but there is no doubt that the reply will be favorable.

Would Sell Out for a Consideration.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—The Neuste Nachrichten declares that the colonial council has adopted a resolution declaring it incompatible with German colonial interests to abandon Samoa, in return for sufficient indemnification.

Not the Policy of the Government.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—The National Zeitung, which confirms the statement of the Neuste Nachrichten, says: "This, however, is not the view of the imperial government, whose policy is directed now, as hitherto to acquiring at least Upolu island."

DEWEY TO VISIT ATLANTA.

The Gallant Admiral Will Be the Guest of Georgia's Capital City Next Week.

Washington, Oct. 18.—A committee representing the citizens of Atlanta, accompanied by Representative Livingston, of Georgia, called upon Admiral Dewey, to arrange the details of his trip to Atlanta. It was decided that, in company with Lieut. Brumby, who is to be presented with a sword by the city of Atlanta, and a citizens committee, the admiral will leave Washington next Monday night, arriving at Atlanta Tuesday evening. He will review the military display in Atlanta, take part in the presentation of the sword, and attend the dinner to be given by the Capital club.

SPRING VALLEY MINERS OUT.

Two Thousand Miners Employed by the Spring Valley Coal Co. Called Out by President Hunter.

Spring Valley, Ill., Oct. 18.—State President J. M. Hunter arrived here Monday night on the call of the executive committee of this district, and called a strike of the 2,000 miners employed by the Spring Valley Coal Co. The men all struck, and the supply of coal from this point will drop 5,000 tons daily until a settlement is made. The difficulty which brought on the strike is alleged to have been the refusal of General Manager Dalzell to stop union dues at the company office.

BRUSH WITH FILIPINOS.

One American and a Number of Filipinos Killed—Carts and Ammunition Captured.

Manila, Oct. 17, 10:25 p. m.—Bell's regiment, moving from a position northwest of Bacolor, this morning, drove the enemy out of Porac. One American was killed and one wounded. The Filipinos lost a number of killed and wounded. The Americans captured two bullock carts of ammunition.

HARD FIGHTING IN PROGRESS.

Battle Raged All Day North of Mafeking—Boers Attack an Armored Train.

London, Oct. 18.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated October 14, by way of Delagoa Bay, says:

A cyclist dispatch was received from Ottoshoep, near Malmali, at six o'clock last evening, asserting that heavy fighting had been in progress all day long north of Mafeking. The British troops on board an armored train acted as a covering force to military engineers, engaged in repairing the track. A maxim on the train kept up a continuous fire.

Conspicuous bravery was displayed on both sides; but it soon became apparent that the rifles of the burghers were ineffective against an armored train. The latter, however, was once forced to retreat before a particularly strong assault; but it soon returned accompanied by a British mounted contingent, and the fighting was renewed fiercely.

Fighting still continues, the Boers holding their positions well. A dozen Boers were killed or wounded, but the British casualties can not be ascertained.

Heavy firing can be heard south of Mafeking, where Gen. Cronje's commando is operating.

A corps of experienced continental engineers, former officers, has left Pretoria for the southwestern borders, escorted by a commando of picked Boer shots. It is probably intended for large dynamiting operations.

A big engagement is expected shortly in the vicinity of Ladysmith. The forces of Commandant Piet Vlok are encamped on a mountain overlooking Dundee, from which point they will be able to observe the movements of the British troops.

Must Have Suspected Treachery.

London, Oct. 18.—According to a dispatch from Pretoria, the Transvaal government received an offer from a wealthy European recently to supply a fleet of completely-equipped torpedo boats for the purpose of blowing up the British transports on arriving in South African waters. The offer was utterly rejected.

No News of Importance Received.

London, Oct. 18.—The war office issued the following bulletin regarding the situation in South Africa at seven o'clock last evening: "No news of any importance has been received since yesterday's notice."

A Cute Trick Frustrated.

Cape Town, Oct. 18.—The Boers seized the telephone at Modder river Monday evening, and attempted to speak with Kimberley, hoping to learn the disposition of the British forces there. The maneuver was discovered and frustrated.

All Have Responded.

London, Oct. 18.—Yesterday was the last day for the reserves to rejoin the colors, and the latest reports from the principal centers show that virtually all the reserves have presented themselves.

COLUMBIA WINS SECOND HEAT.

The Shamrock Crowds on Too Much Sail and Becomes Hopelessly Disabled.

New York, Oct. 18.—The topmast of the cup challenger Shamrock was carried away 25 minutes